President.—There are District Engineers, District Board Engineers, Executive Engineers, Superintending Engineers, etc., in British India.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—As Heads of Departments?

President.—The Head of a Department will be a bigger person.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The District Board Engineer or the District Engineer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The District Board Engineers are always recruited from the District Board. So far as I know, their grade of pay is Rs. 500—1,200. Executive Engineers are all recruited by the Government.

President.—Who is the Head of the Department in British India?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Head of the Department is the Executive Engineer. They have got Chief Engineers for roads, for buildings, for irrigation, and another for hydro-electric installations and a Deputy Engineer for the Mettur Project.

President.—What is the pay of the Executive Engineer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They get more than Rs. 3,000.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the pay of the District Board Engineer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The District Board Engineer is quite different from the District Engineer. The District Board Engineer is under the District Board, and he has to do with roads and canals. District Engineers are under the D. P. W., and they have got to do with buildings, roads, irrigation works and hydro-electric schemes and correspondence between the Government and their office. My information is that there are two classes of officers, District Engineers and Assistant Engineers. Their maximum pay comes to Rs. 600, and there is another, what is called the Selection Grade. They are promoted as Executive Engineers. Their pay is Rs. 500.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The pay of the District Board Engineer is Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500.

Sign boards for facility of travelling.

235. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the great difficulty experienced by the travellers through land and water for want of sign boards;

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(2) to minimise the difficulty, will the Government be pleased to order the Public Works Department to have the necessary sign boards put up on all public roads and canals, as in Malabar and Travancore?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

The Enamakkal Bund.

236. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is true that the Enamakkal bund sluices were opened in Makaram and water let out;

(b) was it so done with the knowledge and approval of any officer;

(c) which officer approved of this action;

(d) whether, in the view of the Government, his action has contributed to the draught;

(e) whether it is true that the *chals* and channels in the *Kole* lands are silted up;

(f) whether the Government proposes to have these silt cleared?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Chief Engineer.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes. The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926, P. No. 598 of 1101, Revenue Department, published at page 690, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101.

The removal of liquor shops outside the Municipal area of Ernakulam.

237. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to inform (1) on whose representations or requests the liquor shops in the Ernakulam Town were removed from within the Municipality area of Ernakulam, and (2) how many such requests or representations were received by the Government before removing the liquor shops and (3) the dates of their receipt;

(b) the number of cases of illicit distillation or tapping or any other malpractices detected, gone to court, and punished

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